

GOVERNOR WHITE FEARS ONE THOUSAND ARE LOST.

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gangs are being rushed to the scene by the Western Union Telegraph Company to repair lines.

An electric car has been obtained. It is equipped with complete electric lighting plant and apparatus and will be brought from Hagerstown by a special train so that work can be prosecuted at night. Every effort will be made to open the line for traffic in the shortest possible time.

At Welch, where the Elk Horn River flows into the Tug, there was great damage to property, but no lives were lost. The people were warned by telegraph of the flood's approach and escaped to the hills. A number of stores along the river were inundated and the stock killed.

NATIONAL GUARD IS ORDERED OUT.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 24.—At midnight Secretary of State Dawson, in the absence of Gov. White, who is at Parkersburg and cannot be reached on account of the condition of the telegraph wires, sent a message to Col. John C. Hewitt at Bramwell to take full charge of the situation and to wire the Governor the news.

The company of National Guards at Bramwell was ordered out to assist in guarding the property, and more troops will be sent as soon as it is possible to get them there.

A supply of tentage at Bramwell was ordered to be given out to the suffering, and as soon as a rail train can be sent over the Norfolk and Western road more tents will be sent from Huntington in this city.

If the road cannot be ready for use by to-morrow noon, a relief train of wagons will be sent overland.

TOWNS WERE FLOOD-SWEPT.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., June 24.—Reports indicate that the flood which swept through the Elk Horn Valley extended into the counties of McDowell, Mercer and Wyoming in West Virginia, and Tazewell, Russell, Dickinson and Lee in West Virginia.

There were fourteen towns in the path of the flood in the Elk Horn Valley. They were Vivian, Cooper, Ruth, Cokedale, Maybury, Ennis, Elkhorn, Powhatan, Kyle, North Fork, Keystone, Eckman, Laurel and Newwood.

Of these Keystown was entirely swept away, only one house, a season on a hill top, standing to mark the site. The loss of property at Vivian was very great, the storekeepers gathering in the greatest losses.

A great many miners who had received their pay were in the stone purchasing supplies when the flood burst upon the town. Many started for their cabins up the hills where they with their families were caught in the whirlpool.

A number of families constructed rafts and floated on these until rescued. Others clung to roofs and pieces of wreckage and logs. The more fortunate who reached the mountain side in time to avoid the wall of water that swept down the valley, and in their power to rescue the others as soon as it was light enough to see.

The eldritch from the mountainside when the sun rose yesterday morning was terrible. The Elk Horn River, swollen to a raging torrent, was choked with debris of wrecked houses, lumber, mine plants and coke ovens, dead bodies of men, women, children, horses and mules inextricably entangled in the mass.

Perched high on some of the piles of wreckage, and waving their hands frantically and screaming to those on land for aid. Wherever help could be extended the terrified ones were rescued, but in many cases those on the shore sadly watched them float past, unable to help them.

LOSS OF LIFE IN VIRGINIA TOWNS

(Special to The Evening World.)

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., June 24.—A report from Tazewell, W. Va., says that there has been great loss of life and property throughout that entire section. Slacorage, a negro settlement, on the outskirts of Tazewell, was flooded, the water standing six and eight feet deep in the streets and houses. The majority of the inhabitants were removed to places of safety.

The home of Paris Van Dyke, a farm hand on the Higginbotham farm, three miles west of Tazewell, was swept away, carrying with it the Van Dyke family and four children. Two of the children were drowned and the other two, with their mother, were rescued in a dingy condition.

The body of a white woman, well dressed, was found floating down Plum Creek, by the rescuers who were searching for the Van Dyke family. She has not been identified.

Students of a small school between Bluefields and Tazewell, who were on their way to school yesterday, were rescued.

PROPERTY LOSS IS VERY GREAT.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., June 24.—Reports of damage to property by the flood are as yet incomplete, and it will be some time before the amount can be accurately estimated. It has been very great, however, in all sections of the coal mining region.

The yards of the Norfolk and Western road at Vivian have been destroyed; also a considerable amount of rolling stock and freight in transit.

On the North Fork branch of the Norfolk and Western, which is five and a half miles long, there was no loss of life, as far as is known, but hundreds were rendered homeless and are to-night camping in the mountains.

The damage to property on this branch is very heavy. Only one of the ten collieries located on this branch escaped the Ashland, it being located at the head of the branch.

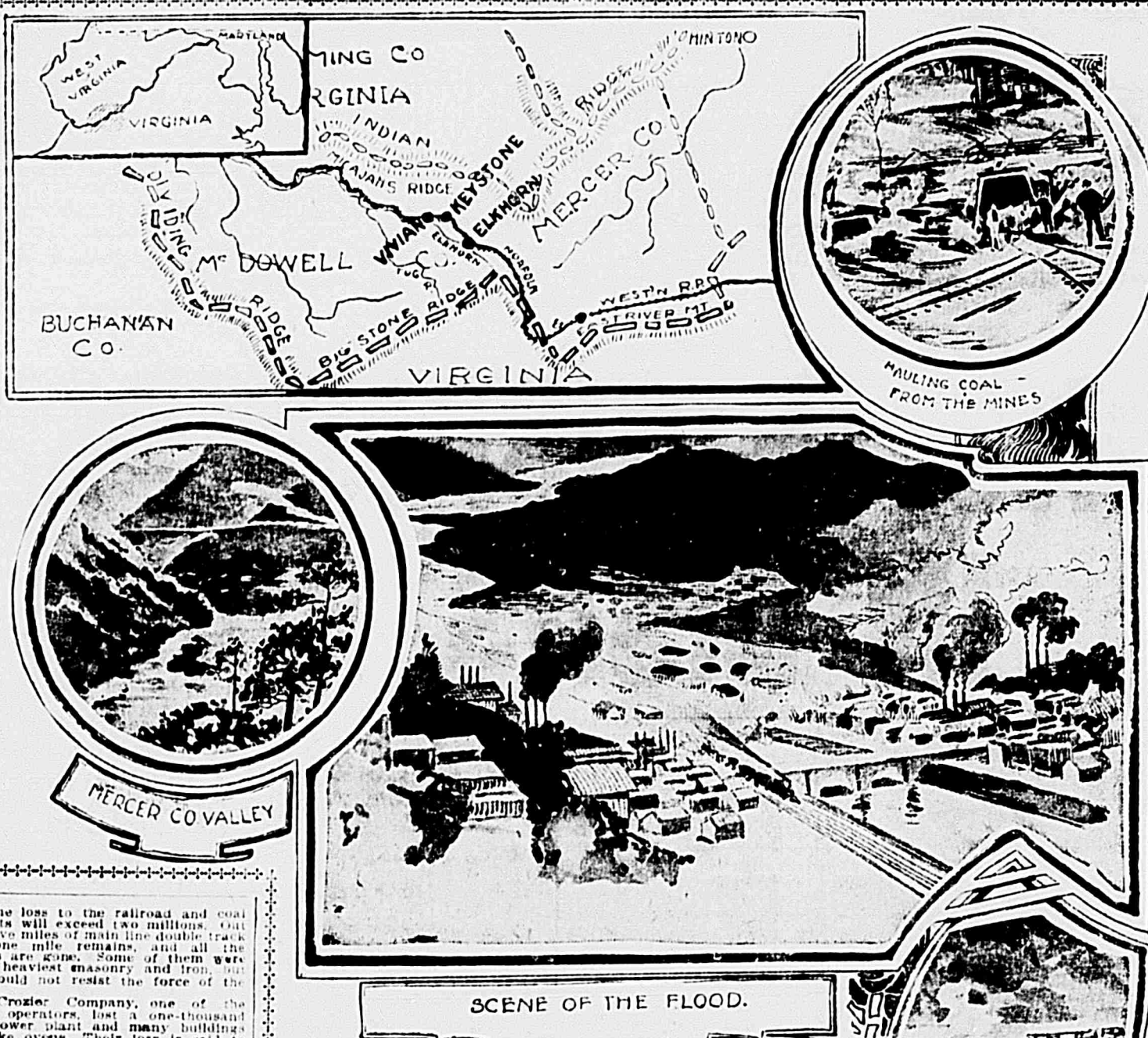
The McDowell Coal Company lost twelve residences, and the Hoke Coal Company lost their boiler house, and the stock of the company is a wreck, and the stock of a large total loss.

At Hoke a large number of miners' houses were swept away, as well as the houses of the company. The company's physician, twenty-five houses at that point are jammed together in one large mass of ruins. The Hoke Coal Company's colliery, the power-house and fourteen houses are demolished, and the rest of the company are very considerably damaged and the stock lost.

The residence of Capt. C. Hotsford, a miner, was also wrecked.

The North Fork track is nearly all washed away, all the tracks having been swept out.

The Elk Horn valley it is estimated



GREAT FLOOD AT CHARLESTOWN.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., June 24.—Conflicting reports received here place the loss of life in the Flat Top region from the flood at from 20 to 30. It is pretty certain that Keystown has been virtually washed out, but the loss of life there is probably overestimated.

The Norfolk and Western people here know nothing except that they have suffered heavy damages to tracks.

The track of the Chesapeake and Ohio near Hinton also is heavily damaged and rains are tied up. There has been a tremendous flood at Charlestown, W. Va. Several children were drowned near Flatwood.

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KILLED SISTER AND HIMSELF.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BOSTON, Mass., June 24.—Dr. Fredman, a dentist, of No. 4 Ashland street, shot and killed his sister, Miss Fredman, a school teacher, in Chambers street this afternoon. Then he killed himself.

As described by eye witnesses, the sister and another girl were walking down Chambers street, toward Ashland, the dentist following them. He was seen to load a .45-calibre revolver, then run ahead of the girls and fire once at his sister.

She fell as he discharged the revolver twice at himself, one ball taking effect. Both were taken to the hospital, but were dead when they reached there. She being in charge of the case.

PLAQUE ABOARD BRITISH SHIP.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Surgeon General Wyman, of the Marine Hospital Service, today was informed by Mr. McKay, quarantine officer at San Diego, Cal., of the arrival at that port of a plague-infected ship.

The vessel is the British steamer, Carlisle City, which sailed from Hong Kong on May 16, and via Yokohama and Honolulu, reached San Diego late last Saturday.

Dr. McKay reports that there were six deaths on route, five of which were certainly caused by plague, and the sixth is supposed to have been. All the deaths but one were among the members of the crew.

Where and when to advertise. Now. In the Sunday World Want sheet.

"200 LOST IN ELKHORN VALLEY."—MAYOR LAND.

(Special to The Evening World.)

It is estimated that 200 lives were lost in the Elk Horn Valley. The damage to the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company is estimated at half a million dollars, and to the coal companies and individuals at two million dollars.

There is no communication with any point further down the valley than Elkhorn. I am unable to tell whether outside assistance will be needed until further information comes in.

(Signed) A. H. LAND, Mayor.

Bluefield, W. Va., June 24.

BRIDGE REPAIRS BLOCK THE CARS.

(Special to The Evening World.)

It seems now that the stalling of cars on the Brooklyn Bridge is to become a daily occurrence. Last week there were frequent delays, and thousands of patrons were compelled to walk the span.

This afternoon trolley cars running to Manhattan were stalled for an hour. Repair men were putting new blocks on the Brooklyn roadway, and in order to make headway in their work stopped the cars from five to ten minutes at a time.

These delays today caused blockades on both ends of the bridge, and soon there was a line of cars from one end of the structure to the other.

Workmen Hold Up the Trolley, Delaying Passengers an Hour.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PARADES, June 24.—A delegation of ministers of the Baptist denomination came here from Brooklyn today to participate in the ordination of Rev. T. V. Parker, a young graduate of Ashland.

The latter, who is twenty-three years old, is the pastor of the Baptist Church in Babylon.

On Thursday, he will be married to Miss Kate of Boston, the ceremony being performed in the Greene Avenue Baptist Church in Brooklyn by Rev. Cornelius Woodhull.

The program at the ordination includes the reading of the Rev. Dr. Samuel McTear's charge to the candidate by the Rev. Cornelius Woodhull, charge to the church by the Rev. Dr. E. C. Hughes, and ordaining prayer by the Rev. Dr. H. H. Baker.

The young minister will assume charge of the Baptist Church in Babylon on July 1.

Although the thermometer did not range particularly high, running from 71 at 8 o'clock to 80 at 12 o'clock, three cases of prostration were reported.

Richard Edward, thirty-five years old, of No. 19 East One Hundred and Twenty-second street, was overcome at Pelham Bridge and taken to Fordham Hospital in a patrol wagon.

Sophia Stern, of No. 13 East Eighty-sixth street, fell from exhaustion at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Second avenue. Dr. Stevin attended her and she was taken to her home.

Edmund Fitzpatrick, twenty-nine years old, was found unconscious in front of No. 31 East Seventy-eighth street. He lives at No. 23 East Eighty-fourth street. Fitzpatrick went to the hospital.

NOVEL ANSWER TO WIFE'S SUIT

(Special to The Evening World.)

Mrs. Whitehead, who wants divorce, can have a cottage.

Lady Whitehead tried but failed to get a divorce from her pretty wife, Elizabeth, even when he told in court that she made "goo-goo eyes" at John Fred Hume.

When her husband asked Mrs. Whitehead brought suit and asked for a mere trifle of \$1000 counsel fees and \$150 a week alimony.

Mr. Whitehead, when the case was called on, argued before Justice Baynor in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn today, made a novel suggestion as a compromise. He stated that he was receiving only \$5000 a year salary for the Whitehead Construction Company and could not pay \$7,500 annual alimony.

He then submitted photographs of a nice-looking cottage at Canolot, N. Y., where, he says, he is willing to have his wife and child live and where he will also reside. He added that he wouldn't treat her as he did before he entered his divorce proceedings.

Justice Baynor took the papers and Mrs. Whitehead will have a chance to consider the matter.

SUB-TROPICAL RAMBLES.

(The Author's Experiences.)

U. S. Consul Pike, of Port Louis, Mauritius, has written a charming book upon this gem of the ocean, the home of Paul and Virginia.

Col. Pike, whose New York address is 43 Exchange Place, had a curious experience with coffee, and the beverage almost destroyed his eyesight.

He says: "Speaking of coffee, my first warning against its use was in a most valuable addition to the breakfast table and should be in every household."

"The results were astonishing. Gradually my eyesight recovered, and the nervous condition and depressed feeling disappeared. I have now been using Postum in place of coffee for several years and am in perfect health."

"My family of six persons discarded coffee some time ago and use Postum. I worry not be without it. It is a most valuable addition to the breakfast table and should be in every household."

ELECTION BOARD REORGANIZED.

Many of the Old Clerks Are Reappointed—Present Plan.

The new Board of Elections at a meeting at Police Headquarters today, President John R. Voorhis in the chair, appointed its working staff.

The Board ignored the claims of Gen. Rodenburgh, who is fighting in the courts for his place as Chief of the Bureau of Elections, reversed the order of supremacy between the first two officials of the bureau, appointing Aaron C. Allen Department Clerk at \$1000 a year, and Mr. Allen's former chief, William Plimley, to be Deputy Clerk at \$250.

Each of the five boroughs will have its own set of Election Bureau officials, as follows:

Manhattan Borough—Chief clerk in charge, William C. Baxter, salary \$250; Deputy chief clerk, Thomas H. Nelson, \$250; clerks, August F. Schwarzer and Henry P. Beusch, \$200 each; Lawrence V. Conors, Jr., Leslie W. Eisenberg and Frederick Schneider, \$150 each; Mortimer S. Morris and Louis Freidel, \$120 each, and Harry W. Taylor, Thomas J. Hughes, George Heffler, James Graham, William Reuch and Martin E. Cherry, \$100 each.

Borough of the Bronx—Chief clerk in charge, Cornelius A. Bunner, salary \$200; Deputy chief clerk, William T. Flanagan, \$150; clerk, William Fox, \$150.

Brooklyn—Chief Clerk, George Russell, \$250; Deputy Chief Clerk, Jacob A. Livingston, \$220; Clerks, Calvin W. Withay, \$200; Eugene A. Anell, \$200; Horatio H. Balderson, \$100; Charles Spicer, \$150; Joseph Oppenheimer, \$120, and Charles H. Pease, \$100.

Queens—Chief clerk in charge, Charles Vogel, \$170; Deputy chief clerk, Henry Dayson, \$120; clerk, Thomas B. Lowrey, \$80.

Richmond—Chief clerk in charge, Alexander M. Ross, \$120; Deputy clerk, Charles A. Jones, \$100.

Most of these are reappointed clerks of the old Elections Bureau.

DEAD ON A TRESTLE.

(Special to The Evening World.)

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LACY HEIRS TRY TO BREAK WILL.

Widow and Daughters Object to \$8,000 Bequest to Nurse.

Surrogate Fitzgerald today began taking testimony in the contest over a codicil to the will of the late John Lacy, who died recently leaving a large estate. Mr. Lacy was a lace manufacturer and well known in business circles.

By the terms of his will the testator bequeathed \$1000 to Mrs. Ellen Healy. In the codicil under dispute, executed Jan. 3 last, three days before the death of Mr. Lacy, the testator increased the bequest to Mrs. Healy by \$7000.

In the codicil Mr. Lacy says that he makes the provision "in appreciation of her faithful services and her care of me during my sickness for thirteen years."

Mr. Lacy suffered from paralysis. The contest to the validity of the document is made by Mrs. Camille Esther Lacy, the widow of the testator, and her four daughters.

James Skidmore, a lawyer, who drew up the codicil, was the first witness. In answer to questions he said he believed that Mr. Lacy was perfectly rational when the paper was executed. He also thought that the testator was free from undue influence.